



PROJECT: Beauty Creek. Valparaiso, Indian

AUTHORITY: WRDA 1996

TYPE: Section 905(b) report

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Beauty Creek watershed is located to the West and Northwest of the city of Valparaiso in Porter County, Indiana. The watershed is approximately 3 square miles and encompasses five major streams and sub-drainage basins. Problems identified in the watershed include severe scouring of the stream bank resulting in steep side slopes with unstable banks and excessive sediment loading in the streams due to erosional effects. In addition, the excessive sedimentation throughout the watershed have seriously degraded the aquatic habitat in the downstream portions of Beauty Creek and in Salt Creek (the watershed that Beauty Creek flows into). The plan involves using a combination of watershed management practices, bioengineered control measures, and conventional erosional control measures.

CURRENT STATUS: A 905(b) study has been completed with a recommendation for further study under Section 206. Are waiting for a sponsor letter in order to request funding under Section 206.

PLANNED WORK:

FY 01

Initiate and complete the Environmental Restoration Report..

FY02

Complete the Plans & Specifications and negotiate the Project Cooperation Agreement

PROJECT COST:

Federal Cost	\$1,950,000
Non-Federal Cost	\$1,050,000
Total Cost	\$3,000,000

BENEFITS: N/A

LOCAL SPONSOR: City of Valparaiso and County Drainage Commission

ISSUES/CONCERNS: None

PROJECT MANAGER: Robert Smalley